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Diabetes Conference Scheduled for Cheyenne

The 7th Annual Wyoming Diabetes Conference, which is sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Health& Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, has been scheduled for September 14-15 in Cheyenne.

This year's conference theme is oCowboy Up for Diabetes, o and sessions will be held at Little America Hotel and Resort.

õExperts will present the latest research on diabetes. Participants will have an opportunity to choose from a variety of topics ranging from sessions on foot complications to health behavior change,ö said Star Morrison, diabetes coordinator for the Wyoming Department of Health. Guest speaker for the evening banquet will be Matt Hoover, the winner of õThe Biggest Loser 2,ö a 2005 television program on NBC.

Morrison noted the prevalence of diabetes in Wyoming has increased from 3.7 percent in 1998 to 6.5 percent in 2005. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of people in the United States diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled in the last 15 years.

õMuch of the burden of diabetes can be prevented with early detection, improved delivery of care and better education on diabetes self-managementö said Dr. Brent Sherard, Wyoming Department of Health director and state health officer.

Morrison expects healthcare professionals from around the state to attend the conference. Exhibitors include professional health associations, pharmaceutical companies and government agencies.

For more information or to register, please contact Morrison at (307) 777-3579.

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